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1. DEPT. SUGGESTS THAT EMBASSY IMPRESS UPON FOREIGN
MINISTRY SETTLED STATE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, ANTEDATING
ADOPTION OF VIENNA CONVENTION, THAT MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRA-
TIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF OF A DIPLOMATIC MISSION ARE
ENTITLED TO FULL IMMUNITY FROM CRIMINAL JURISDICTION IN THE
RECEIVING STATE. THE VIENNA CONVENTION IS MERELY CODIFI-
CATION OF EXISTING RULE ACCEPTED BY NEARLY ALL COUNTRIES.

2. REGARDING QUESTION OF MARINE GUARDS, IT HAS BEEN DEPART-
MENT'S EXPERIENCE THAT THESE PERSONNEL ARE ACCEPTED IN
EVERY COUNTRY IN WHICH U.S. MAINTAINS DIPLOMATIC MISSION

AS MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF AND HENCE
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ENTITLED TO IMMUNITY FROM CRIMINAL JURISDICTION. DEPT. IS
AWARE OF NO CASE IN WHICH A MARINE GUARD HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO
CRIMINAL PROSECUTION ON GROUND THAT HE DOES NOT POSSESS
IMMUNITY. VANCE

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